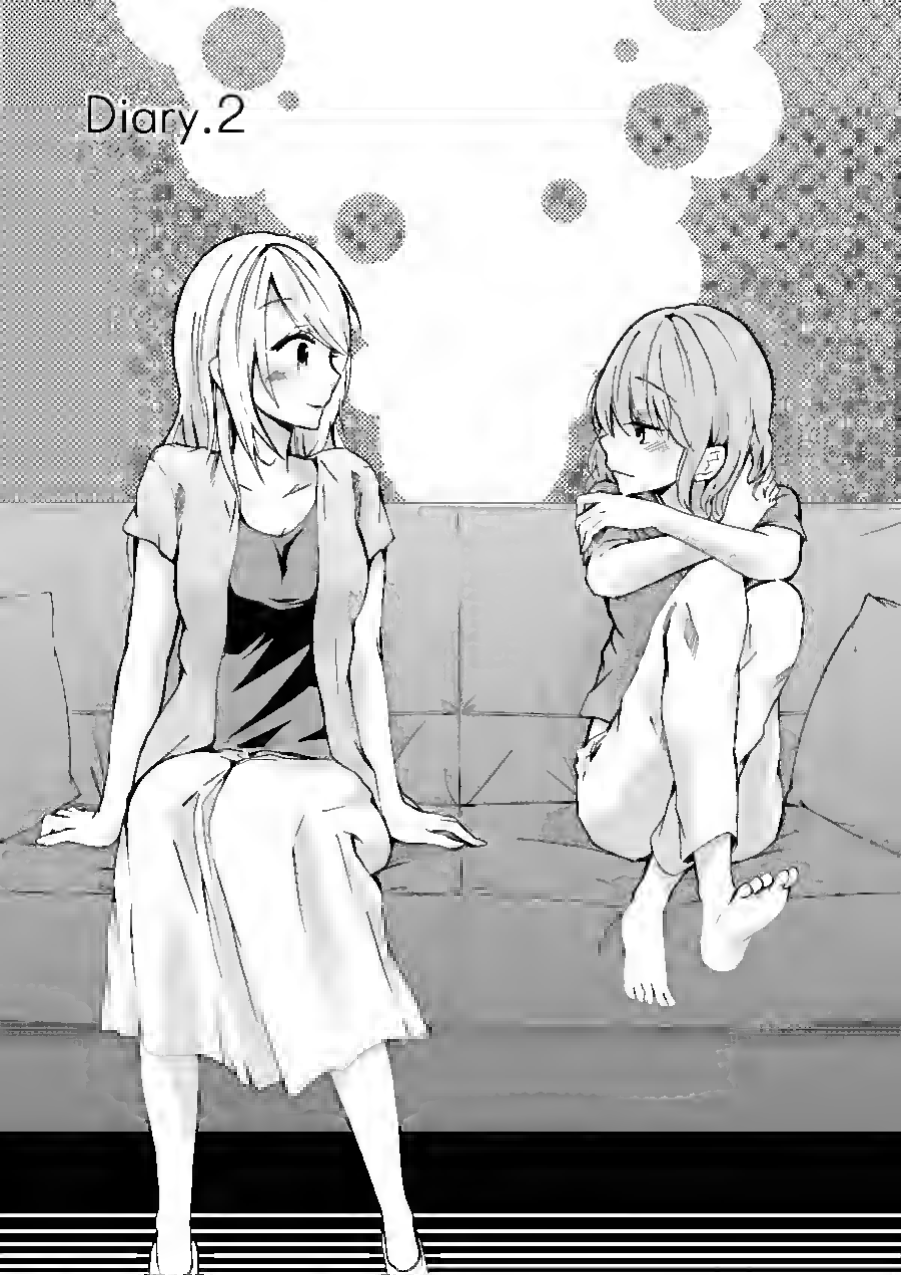
Diary.2

I'm seventeen years old, and currently...
I'm Kishibe Shino.
Playing video games with my brother's wife.
A dating sim.
And, of all things,

Shoutarou
Couldn't it at least have been like, a puzzle game or something!?
It's all that idiot childhood friend of mine's fault...

Uhg, how did it come to this...
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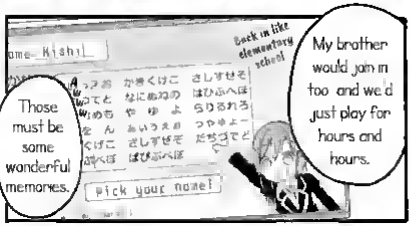
"Nice" isn't the adjective I would use...
Dynamic!
Wow how nice of Shoutarou to come lend you a whole console!
SIGH...
Forget you man...


Those must be some wonderful memories.
Back in like elementary school
My brother would join in too and we'd just play for hours and hours.
Pick your name!

Nope, not at all!
Did you ever play any video games as a kid?

Aw that's sweet...
When he came over to play
But yeah we've never had any game consoles at our house, so he's brought them over since we were kids.

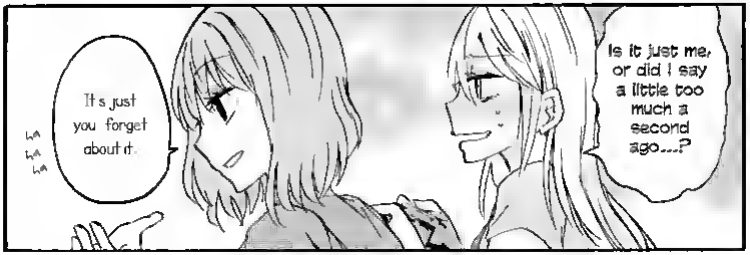
My dad was really strict about that stuff and none of my friends were really into them either so...
But I've always been really curious about giving them a try, though!
Ehehe♥
Do you really want to play with me for your first time?
And a galge no less...
Of course I do!
But I'll probably be pretty bad at it...
So help me out, okay?
IF YOU CAN PULL MOVES LIKE THAT, I'M SURE YOU'LL DO JUST FINE.
Pfft...
Huh!?
Don't worry about it

Got it!
Click Click
That's where it really starts
You should run into one of the girls eventually.
So then
What should I do first?
For now just keep pressing the circle button to progress.
Let's see
Looks like that's your classmate, Mizuho
Ah Shino! Someone popped up!
Howdy! You heading home now too, Kishibe?
Okay I think I can manage that much! Let's see...
Easy, right?
Go ahead and just pick the one you think is best.
School Gate
Sure am. Bye!
Yeah, won't to go hom toge
Mizuh
See those options that came up next to her?
Yep.

Sure am. Bye.
This one!
Mhm?
Umm... N-Nozomi?
Why didn't you go home with her...?
Huh?
Well, I mean I don't really know her very well... And I figured she probably didn't know me that well either...
And if a guy like that suddenly asks to walk home together
As a girl, don't you think it's kind of creepy?
SURE, BUT
Why?

Wait, so I messed up?
Well not exactly
Okay let's think about this. She approached you first right?
Yes.
Which means she must have at least some minimum level of interest
In you
If you were Mizuho when would you strike up a conversation with a guy you're interested in?
Put yourself in her shoes
Umm...
When I want to... walk home together?
Right
And if the guy gives you the cold shoulder and leaves?
Well he said he had a little sister I wonder if he had to be home early for her...
Tashi's such a good brother...
Ehehe
...
But I wish we could've at least walked together part of the way...
Wilf...
THERE YOU GO!

Right
I'll go home with her next time.
Ahh... Okay I see.


Is it just me, or did I say a little too much a second ago...?
It's just you forget about it.
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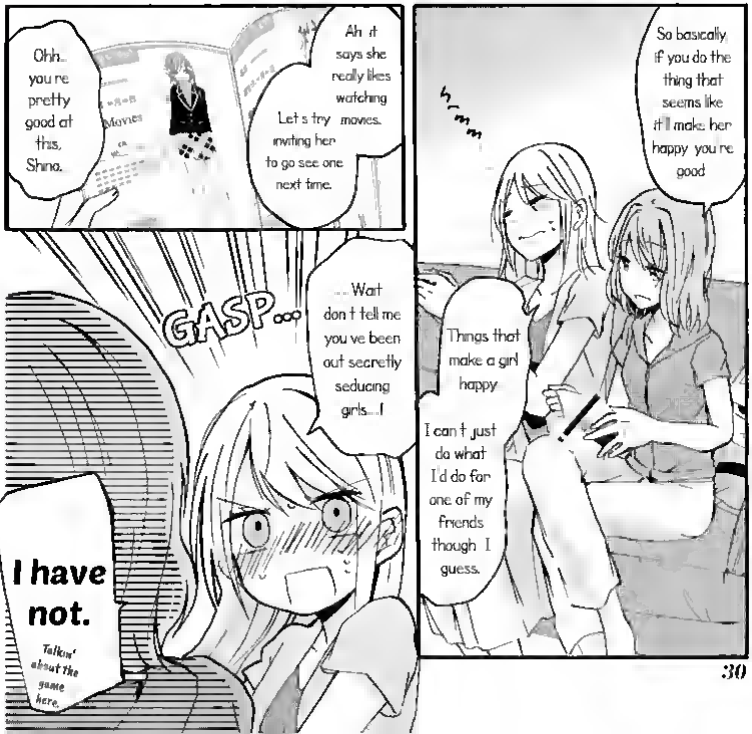

Ohh... you're pretty good at this, Shina.
Movies
Ah it says she really likes watching Let's try movies. inviting her to go see one next time.
So basically if you do the thing that seems like it'll make her happy you're good
hmm
Things that make a girl happy
I can't just do what I'd do for one of my friends though I guess.
GASP...
...Wait don't tell me you've been out secretly seducing girls...!
I have not.
Talkin' about the game here.

Hey,
Mizuho looks like she's crying for some reason
It's...it's nothing... Just forget about it...
Hmm what should I do?
I can't just leave you alone like this
Okay, bye
Mizuho
She's saying to leave her alone but...
But?
Well, she's crying... I'm a little worried...
Uh huh...
And sometimes when a girl says "it's nothing," it's...?
...NOT ACTUALLY 'NOTHING'!
This one!
I can't just leave you alone like this!
Mizuho
It's
AND SO THE ANSWER IS!?

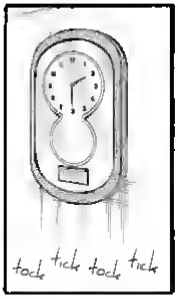
yaaay!
Look, she's blushing!
Ohh!
I guess we picked right!
Mizuho
Kishibe-kun...!!
Squeal
She definitely likes me by now, right? Look!
Kyaah!
Mizuho
Thanks for listening.
...Can I do something to thank you...?
Kyaah!
Yep! I think at this point she's pretty much
fa-
FA-!?

S-Shina they just k-kissed
And they're not even dating yet.
Sure did. That was kinda fast...
Wait Shino so are all the kids like this these days!?
I've never dated anybody myself so I wouldn't know
Shouldn't you know more about that than me?
You are the adult here.
I'm scared
I-I-I don't know either!
AFTER we started dating!
IT TOOK ME SIX MONTHS TO GET THAT FAR!

Ah~
Ah~
Don't worry, I didn't hear a thing.
Oh really~ That's good~
Just a little more!
That's right!
We've been playing for awhile already,
But if you're kissing already I guess it's almost over
Ye-
Just a little more!
Just

Yep...

OR,
uho
We'll be friends forever!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So what now? Do you want to call it a night?
It's already kind of late.
...
What does "friend" even mean anymore...
How the... But we kissed. And still just friends...?
SHE'LL JUST TURN ME DOWN!
WAAAAAAHHH
AWW...

NO!
I finally got the hang of it... I'll definitely get her this time!
And you're going to stay up with me, Shino!
Whaat!? I mean, I guess that's cool, but...
Should you really stay up that late?
You have work in the morning, don't you?
YES!

Okay, reset.
If I don't finish it, I'm not going to be able to sleep anyway.
And it's better to do it now while it's still fresh in my mind
Alright then...

Ahh...
Like, "We're gonna keep playing until I win one!"
Especially in games with like a versus mode, it can be hard to tell when to stop.
Ahh, yeah I know what you mean
Besides doesn't it feel bad to give up when all you've done is lose?
See? So let's go.

I'm gonna make you say "I love you" if it kills me!
I see. This feeling...
Reminds me of...
Alright Shino ready for round two? Let s...
...Shino?

...No,
?
Are you okay? Do you want to go to bed after all?
I was just thinking how about how much fun this is!
Right!? Me too!
But I bet it'll be even more fun when we finally clear it!
Hey Mizuho! Come walk home with me!
You're right!
Ah, look! Mizuho showed up!
Alright this time we'll get her for sure!

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Notes:

The title of the game is "Tokimeki Graffiti," a mashup of "Tokimeki Memorial" and "Sentimental Graffiti," two of the larger and more famous series of dating sim games from the 90s.

"Galge" (short for gal game) is another term for dating sims aimed at a heterosexual male audience (ie, you play as a dude and your potential love interests are all (mostly?) women).

Tokimeki Memorial

Sentimental Graffiti